

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE BUSIN
IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Busin, for her unwavering dedication to her community. She has been a steadfast activist supporting children's education initiatives and has left an impressive and unforgettable mark on Southern Florida.

Born in Pahokee, Florida, Stephanie is a third generation Hendry County native and has spent her life giving back to her community. After graduating from Clewiston High School in 1996, she enrolled in Santa Fe College in Gainesville, Florida. However, her interest in journalism brought her home, where she joined The Clewiston News staff. It is during this time period that she found her passion for education, which later led to her becoming an integral member of the Hendry County School Board in 2014. Presently, she serves as the Chairman of Hendry's District 4 School Board.

Stephanie has been a passionate advocate for raising awareness for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in her community, particularly among law enforcement officers. In fact, in 2017, she created a training program, LAWTISM, which educates officers on how to identify and properly respond to people who may have ASD. She also championed autism awareness in the classroom, by establishing a nonprofit that fundraised to create the Educators Affecting Autism Classroom Grants. These grants, which are an award of \$250, are used to support the sensory and academic needs of students who are on the autism spectrum.

Stephanie's dedication to community service is of the highest caliber, and her selfless character is truly demonstrated in the work she has done. It would be remiss to celebrate Stephanie without recognizing her loving husband, Tony, and her two greatest treasures, her sons Anthony and Baron. The love and support Stephanie receives from her family allows her to be a leader and activist in her community.

Madam Speaker, it is truly a privilege to honor my good friend, Stephanie Busin, for the impressive work she has done for Southern Florida. Her commitment, perseverance, and drive cannot be matched, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

IN CELEBRATION OF BUTLER
EAGLE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Butler County's hometown newspaper, the Butler Eagle.

As a life-long resident of Butler, I am proud to celebrate a special milestone for our hometown paper. For 150 years, the Butler Eagle has provided residents of Butler County with national, state, and local news that we count on.

In the 60s, our family opened the Butler Eagle to see how many yards Terry Hanratty threw for or how many tackles the Saul brothers had for a loss on a Friday night. The Eagle, like many local newspapers across the country, is a big part of the community identity. These publications provide information that matters to us that larger, national news outlets do not. They tell us stories about friends and neighbors and their successes, new marriages, community events, high school sports, and so much more. We can count on the Eagle and papers like it across our great country to tell us what is happening close to home.

National publications cover what one might expect: national politics, Congress, the president, and foreign affairs. While it is important to know what's going on in Washington, D.C., our system of government was designed to give local government a much larger direct impact on the lives of Americans. When local papers like the Butler Eagle cover mayors, city councils, county commissioners, and school boards, they perform a vital service that helps Americans oversee the elected officials who affect their lives far more personally than those in our nation's capital.

Think about it. Our local zoning commissioners decide what we can build on our own land, or what can be built next door to us. City councils decide how much to invest in our local roads. Reporting on their decisions is crucial to functioning municipalities. Without local papers like the Butler Eagle, we would face difficulty assessing the leadership of our locally elected government officials. We would also lose a great deal of connectivity with our surroundings. Local papers provide a knowledge of and bond with our neighbors.

So, as we celebrate the Butler Eagle's 150th anniversary, I thank the paper for its long record of service to the City and County of Butler, for informing us about important events in our neighborhoods, and holding elected officials accountable at all levels of government. We appreciate the many past and present reporters who take the pulse of our communities and convey their findings. In doing so, they have helped shape the identity of Butler and brought us together as a community.

Best wishes for the next 150 years.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
WORK OF DR. ELISABETH BROWN

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Elisabeth Brown for her incredible tenure as the President of Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. For more than three decades, Dr. Brown has led and overseen the creation and implementation of new programs that positively impact and contribute to our Laguna Beach community.

Dr. Brown has served on the Board of Directors of Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. since 1980 and stepped into the role of President just seven years later. During her time as President, she has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award for the League of Conservation.

Dr. Brown has sought to protect the natural resources of Orange County while establishing educational programs to enhance the public's knowledge on the California Coastal Canyon environment. A cornerstone of Dr. Brown's work has been the establishment of a training class that taught hundreds of volunteers about the native plant habitats and restoration projects throughout Orange County.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions of Dr. Elisabeth Brown to California's 48th Congressional District and all of Orange County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 79, and Yea on Roll Call No. 80.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on Monday, March 2, because I was attending the annual Strawberry Festival, an important event in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 79, and Yea on Roll Call No. 80.

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HONORING THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF
FRANKLIN DELANO ROZA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my cousin Franklin (Frank) Delano Roza on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Frank is a beloved husband, grandfather and friend to many.

Franklin (Frank) Delano Roza was born on January 30, 1950 to Georgina Cardoso Roza and Manuel J. Roza. Frank is the 5th son and youngest child in a family of 6 children. As he shares a birthday with his parent's favorite politician President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he was named in his honor. Frank attended American Union Elementary School, Hamilton Middle School and Fresno High School. After graduating Fresno High School in 1967, he attended classes at Fresno City College and served in the United States Army.

In 1974, Frank began working for Pacifica Gas and Electric Company. He was eventually assigned to Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in Avila Beach, California and worked there until his retirement in 2006. Even after his retirement, he continued to go back and work outages several times a year.

In 1983, Frank married the love of his life Yvonne, and they have lived on the Central California Coast for more than 40 years. Through this marriage, Frank has one stepson and daughter-in-law Josh and Becky Sexton of Coalinga, and is a grandfather to three beautiful granddaughters.

Frank is the Roza family's most prolific traveler. As a young man, he backpacked across Europe and explored Canada. His travels include Central America, South America, Europe, the Azores Islands, and Hawaii. Frank is also an avid cyclist who has crossed the United States twice, from West to East and East to West, while raising money for the Alzheimer Association in honor of his mother who succumbed to the disease. When Frank is not traveling, he is golfing.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Franklin Delano Roza as he celebrates his 70th birthday. I ask that you join me in wishing Frank continued health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING SUSIE V. CASTILLO
IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Susie V. Castillo, whose inspiring life journey and determined work ethic has had a significant impact on all those around her.

In 1961, her parents and two older brothers were forced into exile by the Castro dictatorship and had to begin a new life in South Florida. Very quickly, Susie valued the importance of giving back to her community, and as a young woman, began working as a secretary

in the same elementary school where her mother taught. This decision started Susie's career of over twenty years dedicated to jobs in public service.

Susie spent time working in Miami-Dade County's Superintendent's Office and then became a legislative aide for a member of the School Board, Mr. Frank Bolanos. This experience gave her a greater understanding of how local policies can help students excel in the classroom, parents prepare their children, and teachers perform their jobs. It proved beneficial when, in 2004, she served as Chief of Staff for the City of Doral's founding mayor, Mr. Juan Carlos Bermudez, for over eight years. In this role, she strived to ensure that the needs of students were met and developed city-wide education initiatives, including one centered on financial literacy. In 2012, she was elected to serve on Miami Dade County's School Board, a position she currently holds.

Throughout her eventful life, Susie has proven that she is a strongminded and driven individual, even in the most adverse of times. This was evident when, her daughter, Andrea, who was an aspiring educator, tragically passed away at the young age of twenty-one. Susie used Andrea's passing as her compass and dedicated herself even more to her community. In her daughter's memory, she created the Andrea Castillo Foundation, which gives scholarships to students majoring in Education at public colleges and universities in Miami-Dade. Susie has ensured that her daughter's legacy will not be forgotten; she will live on in every student who receives this scholarship.

Madam Speaker, it has truly been a privilege to work with Susie Castillo over the years and I greatly admire her commitment to Miami Dade County. Her dedication and unwavering spirit, even in the most trying circumstances, deserves our respect, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this exceptional individual.

HONORING UTAH GOVERNOR GARY
HERBERT—RECEIVING THE
“GIANT IN OUR CITY” AWARD

HON. BEN MCADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Salt Lake Chamber's 2020 “Giant in our City” Award winner: Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert.

Governor Herbert is currently the nation's longer-serving governor. He has served as chair of both the Western Governors Association and the National Governors Association. During his time in office, he has worked to build what is one of the country's strongest economies—as of January, Utah's unemployment rate was the lowest ever recorded—at 2.3 percent. Utah also led the nation for its job creation rate in 2019.

He has defined his mission by “The Utah Way.”

“Our state succeeds because of our people and their culture of hard work, innovation, industry, inclusivity and compassion—that is the Utah Way.”

Governor Herbert was born in Utah County, where he served as a county commissioner

for 14 years. He served six years in the Utah National Guard and he started a successful real estate brokerage and development company. Governor Herbert served as the past president of the Utah Association of Realtors and the past president of the Utah Association of Counties.

As governor, he has prioritized public education—in a state with large families and many children to educate. That's why his effort to build a vibrant economy has been so important, since a well-educated work force and well-paid jobs go hand-in-hand.

Governor Herbert has led our state with compassion, supporting local efforts to reform and improve our homeless services and welcoming refugees to Utah. He was recognized recently by the Utah Refugee Advisory Board, which thanked him for asking the federal government to let Utah take in more refugees. He received a letter which said, in part, “Governor Herbert, you have touched the hearts of many people in the refugee community by speaking out nationally on behalf of—and for standing with—Utah refugees.” It was signed by 30 leaders from a variety of Utah refugee groups from countries including Somalia, Sudan, Burundi, Cameroon, Liberia and Congo.

Governor Herbert's wife, First Lady Jeanette Herbert, has been an equal partner in his service. As the owner and operator of a childcare center and preschool for 23 years, Jeanette focused on an initiative known as “Uplift Families”—with the goal of promoting good parenting skills, strengthening families and offering resources to parents throughout Utah. The Herberts are proud parents of six children and numerous grandchildren.

Governor Herbert, as the 17th Governor of our state, has served us well. His legacy of “hard work, inclusivity and compassion” will benefit Utahns for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, on March 2, 2020, I missed votes due to a delay in my flight from Arizona. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on Roll Call No. 79, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act, H.R. 5003, and Yes on Roll Call No. 80, the Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act, H.R. 5932.

HONORING 2019 “MR. AMIGO”
JULIO CÉSAR CHÁVEZ

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Charro Days Fiesta and to honor the 2020 “Mr. Amigo,” chosen by the Mr. Amigo Association of Brownsville, TX, Julio César Chávez.

Charro Days dates back to 1937, when the citizens of Brownsville organized the event in the midst of the Great Depression to celebrate the cultural heritage shared between Brownsville and its sister city, Matamoros,